

Parking and Parent Drop Off/Pick Up Plan 2019-2020

Hello Hillcrest Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! We've already had a great start with our 1st - 5th grade students and we are looking forward to our kindergarten friends starting on Monday, 9/9.

One of the challenges we face as a school community is how to manage all the traffic, parking, student drop off and pick up, and busses coming and going, safely and efficiently each day. In order to make these processes run smoothly and safely, I'm sharing some directions here so that everyone is on the same page about how our system will work. Thanks for taking the time to read through this and also looking at the map I've created that helps lay out a picture of how we manage traffic, parking, and drop off/pick up.

Parent drop off/pick up occurs in the west parking lot, not in front of your school. Please do not drop students in front of the school. This is visitor parking and not a drop and go area for students.

NOTE: When our kindergarten students start on Monday, it will be extra busy on our roads and in our parking lots. Please be patient and flexible as our newest Hillcrest Hawks start their first day of elementary school! :)

What is the easiest way to get my student to and from school each day? Actually, we encourage families to have students ride the bus as much as possible. This minimizes car traffic in our school zone and still gets kids to and from school safely. It is the most efficient system for drop off and pick up.

What do I do when I want to drop my student off for school or pick my student up from school?

1. Driving in your car, approach Hillcrest from 91st. Do not approach from HWY 9.
2. Wait in the "holding lane" along the south edge of 4th St. SE. Do not wait in the the main lane on 4th St. SE. This is for busses and through traffic. Also, please do not block our neighbors' driveways while you wait.
3. Move up in the line as it moves forward.
4. When you get to the front of the line, wait until the parking lot entrance is clear so that you will not block the outgoing cars when you enter the lot.
5. Check that it is safe to turn left across 4th Ave SE. Remember that through traffic and busses could be approaching in this lane.
6. When clear, turn left into the parking lot.
7. Wait in the line as you circle through the loop.
8. **When you get to the west sidewalk, pull along the sidewalk and drop your student. If you are picking your student up, we will escort him/her to you and help them into the car. Please do not leave your vehicle in this area.**
9. Once you are ready to go, look over your shoulder to make sure it's clear and pull out of the line.
10. Make a right turn out of the parking lot towards 91st.

11. I recommend making another right turn onto 91st because it will help traffic flow out of our school zone quicker.

If I walk my students to school, what should I do?

- If you walk with your students to school, please walk them to the parent drop off zone and they can enter the campus along this sidewalk. Please do not walk to the front office area this year. We are trying to keep this zone open and free of foot traffic as much as possible.

If I park on 93rd and walk my students to Hillcrest, where should they go?

- In this scenario, students will be crossed safely at the crosswalk on 4th St. and then they can proceed to the back of the school along the “bus loop sidewalk”. This is the sidewalk that passes along the outside of our gym and the breakfast line.

General Guidelines:

- Please be patient during our heavy traffic periods.
- Please follow any directions given by staff who are directing traffic or escorting students safely to and from cars.
- Please respect our neighbors by not blocking their driveways or parking illegally near their homes.
- Please obey traffic signs, no parking signs, and speed limits. Obviously, we want this process to be safe for everyone and we don't want anyone to get a ticket.
- Please note that the east side of 93rd is the designated parking zone on this street. The west side is for walking only and is a “no parking” zone.
- Please honor designated parking zones for staff and visitors.

Thank you, ahead of time, for the part you will play in helping this process run smoothly and safely. As we learn from experience, we may make adjustments to our system throughout the year. If this happens, I will let you know. Thanks for being flexible!

It's going to be a great year!

Thanks,

Mr. Burleigh
Principal, Hillcrest Elementary